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- 1. DOZ OF ECAC SECRETARIAT HAS GIVEN US BRIEF RUNDOWN ON JANUARY 21-22 MEETING IN PARIS OF DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA'S) OF ECAC MEMBER STATES. TWO MAIN TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE (A) FUTURE OF TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH US AND CANADA ON CHARTER POLICY AND, SPECIFICALLY, REVISION OF RECOMMENDATION NO. 8, AND (B) PROBLEM OF NORTH ATLANTIC SCHEDULED FARES.
- 2. RE FIRST POINT, DOZ SAID DISCUSSION HAD CENTERED ON US LETTER (REF A) TO WHICH IMMEDIATE REACTION HAD BEEN NEGATIVE. MANY DELS INTERPRETED LETTER AS CONFIRMING THEIR FEARS AND THEY SAW FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISION OF RECOMMENDATION NO. 8 FRAUGHT WITH DANGERS FOR ECAC. THEY SAW US AIM AS BEING CONCLUSION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH ONE ECAC MEMBER STATE, AFTER WHICH OTHER MEMBERS WOULD FALL IN LINE AND ALSO CONCLUDE CHARTER BILATERALS WITH US. IF THIS WERE TO BE THE CASE, THEY ARGUED, IT WOULD BE WISER TO LEAVE RECOMMENDATION NO. 8 UNCHANGED AND HAVE NO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AT ALL. OTHER, MORE MODERATE VIEWS FINALLY PREVAILED, HOWEVER, IN ARGUING THAT THE US POSITION SHOULD FIRST BE FURTHER EXPLORED BEFORE ECAC MADE UP ITS MIND. THE RESULT WAS VERES' LETTER CONTAINED REF B.
- 3. WE INFORMED DOZ OF MEADOWS' FOLLOW-UP LETTER (REF C), OF WHICH WE HAVE ALSO SENT HIM TEXT IN WRITING. DOZ HOPED THAT THIS WOULD REASSURE ECAC.
- 4. RE NORTH ATLANTIC FARES, DOZ SAID THAT MEETING WAS DEVOTED IN LARGE PART TO TRYING TO BRING INTO LINE THOSE EUROPEAN CARRIERS WHICH HAD REFUSED ACCEPT EARLIER IATA PROPOSALS. AS RESULT OF INTENSIVE ROUND OF PHONE AND TELEX EXCHANGES WITH CAPITALS, ONLY SABENA REMAINED AS HOLDOUT. SABENA'S OBJECTIONS WERE OVERCOME WHEN CARRIERS THEN WORKED OUT COMPROMISE PACKAGE IN BRUSSELS ON JANUARY 24 PERMITTING IATA MAIL VOTE THAT HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED FAVORABLY. DOZ WAS PROUD OF ECAC ROLE IN OVERCOMING EUROPEAN CARRIER OBJECTIONS, WHICH HE SAID DEMONSTRATED ORGANIZATION'S POTENTIAL FOR INFLUENCING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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